

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 13 is respectfully requested.

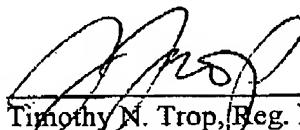
Claim 13 was amended to include a circuit to calculate a number of most significant bits to mask. Despite the fact that a circuit is required, the rejection is absolutely identical in wording to the rejection before the claim was amended. Plainly, the claim amendment was not considered.

This must be so because there is no possible way that Lin could teach a circuit to calculate a number of most significant bits to mask. As pointed out in the office action, Lin simply masks the six most significant of eight bits. Therefore, he has nothing to determine and, most certainly, does not calculate anything. Therefore, he cannot possibly show a circuit to calculate a number of most significant bits to mask and nothing cited in the office action points in such thing out.

Therefore, there is a need to reconsider the rejection of claim 13 at this time. The previous response is incorporated as to the other claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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